



Bainbridge Island Ferry Terminal Improvement Project

What's happening?

Washington State Ferries (WSF) is improving the Bainbridge Island ferry terminal.

Key features:

- Improve access for non-motorized, motorized and transit users
- Lessen congestion on local roadways by expanding vehicle holding
- Passenger terminal facility improvements
- Repair aging structures to increase safety and reliability of service

New since 1998

- Security requirements (2004)
- WSF Business Plan (2002)
- Community demographics
- City plans and community initiatives



Why are ferry terminal improvements needed?

The Bainbridge Island Ferry Terminal is among WSF's busiest facilities. Repairs to the facility have been minimal with most major work done 20 years ago. Key structural components of the terminal need to be replaced, including the dock, parts of which are rotting, and the overhead loading, which is in poor repair. Safety and circulation improvements are needed for transit, autos, pedestrians, bicyclists and persons with limited mobility.



Deficiencies at Bainbridge Island Ferry Terminal

What will the project involve?

As a first step, WSF is updating the 1998 ferry terminal master plan. This update will include re-examining original data, looking at past options and reasons for selection, and revising the plan to reflect new information. WSF is moving forward with critical near-term improvements to the terminal that were identified in the 1998 plan (trestle replacement and dock widening). The first improvement under the updated plan will be the replacement of pedestrian overhead loading.

How did we get here?

WSF prepared a Bainbridge Island Ferry Terminal Master Plan during the mid-1990s to complement Kitsap Transit and the City of Bainbridge Island's transportation planning efforts. The master plan design featured improved access for pedestrians, bicyclists, cars and buses. Due to the passage of Initiative 695, funding for the terminal

improvement projects identified in the 1998 plan were put on hold. In 2005, the Legislature recognized the need for substantial improvements at the Bainbridge Island Ferry Terminal by appropriating funding for the proposed projects.

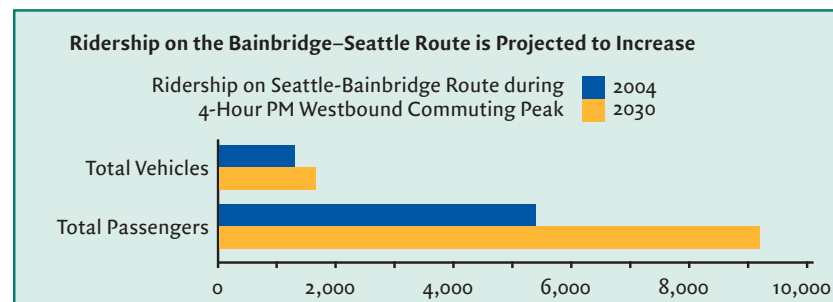
How much will this cost?

The projects identified in the 1998 plan are estimated to cost \$160 million. This funding has been approved by the Legislature, phased over the next twelve years.

What did the 1998 Master Plan do?

The 1998 Master Plan set forth a recommended set of projects at and around the Bainbridge Island Ferry Terminal. The Plan's near-term projects were intended to maintain the existing facilities in safe and efficient operating condition. Meanwhile, the Plan's long-term

projects were intended to address needs over the next 30 years through a carefully structured set of improvements for transit, non-motorized, and vehicle users.



How can I get involved?

Your thoughts and opinions are important to us. Please contact the project team if you have questions or comments or would like to be added to the WSF Bainbridge Projects mailing list.

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Why is WSF moving forward with near-term projects?

The most urgently needed work from the 1998 Master Plan will be initiated in parallel with the update to the Plan. These projects are critical to the safe and efficient operation of the existing facility. Each of these near-term projects is compatible with any range of options to be considered as WSF updates the 1998 Master Plan. Current near-term projects include:

- **Trestle Preservation:** This project removes old, rotting sections of trestle, commonly referred to as the dock, and replaces it with new, more durable, steel and concrete structures.
- **Dock Widening:** This project will add 30,000 square feet to the existing dock to increase vehicle holding space from 210 to 330 cars as well as improve the safe and efficient movement of motorized and non-motorized users. The enlarged dock will hold approximately a boat and a half of cars to help alleviate congestion on local and state roadways.

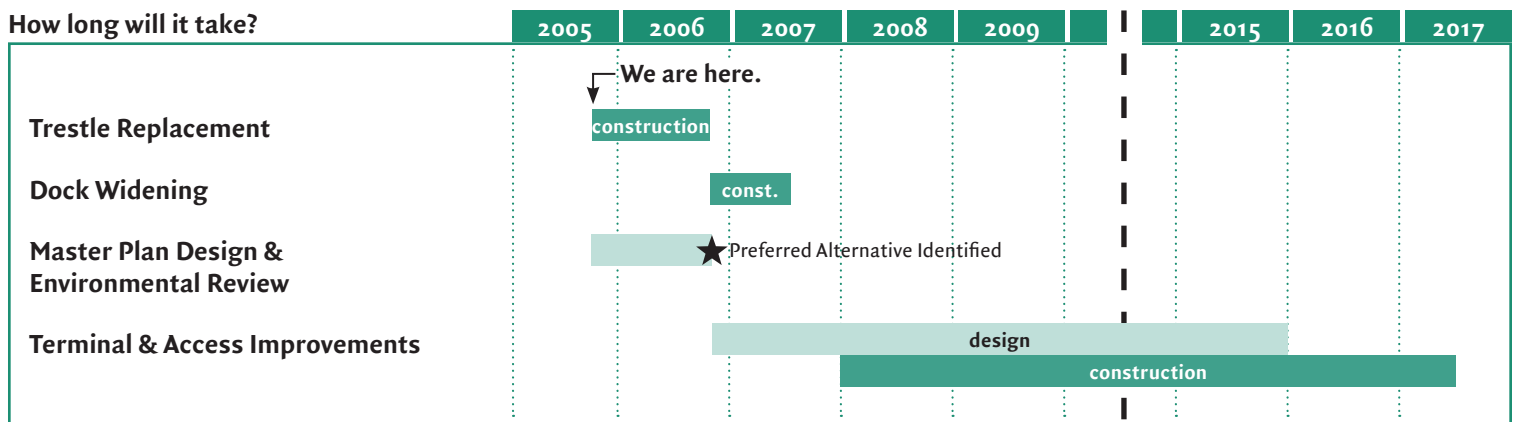
How is WSF responding to mobility and access concerns?

WSF is actively seeking opportunities to address conflicting bus, auto, pedestrian, and bicycle uses in the near-term. An Interagency Transportation Working Group, including WSF, the City of Bainbridge Island, Kitsap Transit, WSDOT Highways and the Washington State Patrol is working on plans to improve conditions for non-motorized users and vehicles using SR 305, Winslow Way, Harbor View Drive, Olympic Drive and the ferry terminal. This work is being coordinated with the master plan update.

What coordination is occurring with other WSF Bainbridge projects?

Another WSF improvement project is underway at the Eagle Harbor Maintenance Facility. Planning and design efforts are being coordinated with activities at the Bainbridge Island Ferry Terminal. WSF sponsored public events will include information about both efforts to allow interested public access to current project information.

How long will it take?



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